

SHEAFFER JEANNE M  
78 MONTEVIDEO 2314

DECLASSIFIED

R

216

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MONTEV 02314 152317Z

ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 FA-35 H-01 CIAF-00 INR-10 NSAF-20  
/031 W

-----050292 161634Z /43

R 151154Z JUL 78

FM AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6830

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MONTEVIDEO 2314

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SFUM, UY

SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES ON URUGUAYAN NATIONALS JORGE  
CARABALLO AND CLEMENTE PADIN

REF: STATE 174779

1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL, ON 13 JULY POLOFF VISITED COL.  
MAYNARD, DIRECTOR OF THE OFICINA DE INFORMACION DE PERSONAS  
(OCIP), TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE REPORTED ARRESTS OF JORGE  
CARABALLO AND CLEMENTE PADIN. COL. MAYNARD REPLIED TO THE  
INQUIRIES ON THE SPOT. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION RECEIVED:  
2. OSCAR JORGE CARABALLO GONZALEZ WAS ARRESTED IN LATE AUGUST  
1977 AND INDICTED FOR ATTACKING THE MORALE AND REPUTATION  
(FUERZA MORAL) OF THE ARMY. HE WAS RECENTLY RELEASED ON BAIL  
AND IS CURRENTLY AT LIBERTY.

3. CLEMENTE PADIN WAS ARRESTED ON 23 AUGUST 1977 AND  
INDICTED 20 OCTOBER FOR ATTACKING THE MORALE AND REPUTATION  
THE ARMY. HE IS CURRENTLY DETAINED IN A CIVILIAN PALCE OF  
DETENTION, EITHER LIBERTAD OR PUNTA CARRETAS PRISON. HE IS  
DEFENDED BY DR. JUAN BARBE, AN OFFICIAL DEFENDER, AND IS  
BELIEVED BY THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE  
IN THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCU) AND THE URUGUAYAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MONTEV 02314 152317Z

COMMUNIST YOUTH MOVEMENT (UJC). COL. MAYNARD STATE THAT,  
BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITY OF THE CASES OF PADIN AND CARA-  
BALLO, HE EXPECTS THAT PADIN, TOO, WILL BE RELEASED ON BAIL  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. THESE CASES ARE OF INTEREST TO CONGRESSMEN BURTON, ROONEY  
AND LUJAN AND WE REQUEST THAT THE INFORMATION IN PARAS 2 AND  
3 BE TRANSMITTED TO THEM.

5. COMMENT: BOTH THE SPEED AND COOPERATIVENESS OF THE  
OCIP CAME AS A PLEASANT REVELATION. ALTHOUGH THE STAFF HAS  
NOT BEEN AUGMENTED, AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE OFFICE STILL  
CONTINUES IT IS EVIDENT THAT STARTUP PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN  
LARGELY OVERCOME. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, COL.  
MAYNARD SHOWED THE EMPASSY OFFICER A COPY OF AN INQUIRY  
RECEIVED FROM CONGRESSMAN BURTON ON THESE CASES AND NOTED  
THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ANSWERED DIRECTLY BUT HE WOULD NOW  
RESPOND VIA THE EMPASSY. POLOFF THANKED COL. MAYNARD FOR  
HIS RESPONSIVENESS AND SPENT THE LAST HALF-HOUR OF THE  
VISIT STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF QUICK, ACCURATE REPLIES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE /

|                                                              |                                                    |                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR                                 | REVIEWED BY <i>J. May</i>                          | DATE <i>8/19/78</i>                              |
| RDS <input type="checkbox"/> or XDS <input type="checkbox"/> | EXT. DATE                                          | REASON(S)                                        |
| TS AUTH.                                                     | ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS <input type="checkbox"/> | DECLASSIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| DECLASSIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>             | RELEASE DENIED <input type="checkbox"/>            | PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS                             |

PAGE 1

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SFFAFFFF JEANNE M  
78 MONTEVIDEO 2314

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
TO FOREIGN HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES, TO WHICH COL. MAYNARD  
AGREED WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

CFEEK  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 2

03115507030